



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

**Wolfgang BECKER, Markus BECK, Klaus GOTH,
Mike PAELMER, Claus-Dieter REINIGER and
Daniel ZAUNER**

Appln. No.: 10/790,387

Confirmation No.: 1070

Filed: March 1, 2004

Group Art Unit: 1725

For: **PROCESS FOR LASER BEAM
WELDING WITH REDUCED
FORMATION OF END CRATERS**

Examiner: **Evans, Geoffrey S**

Attorney Docket No.: 3926.071

Customer Number: 000041288

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Attached hereto is an **AMENDMENT A** in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For			
All Claims	<u>18</u>	-	<u>19</u>	=	0 X	\$ 50.00 = \$ 0
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					TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00

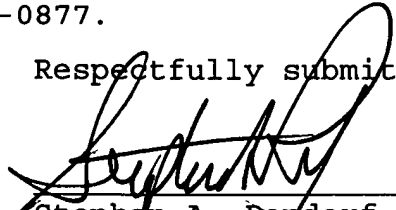
The appropriate fee of \$1,000.00 is enclosed.

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Further, please charge any additional fees, except the Issue Fee, necessary for the continued pendency of this application to Deposit Account 16-0877.

Respectfully submitted,



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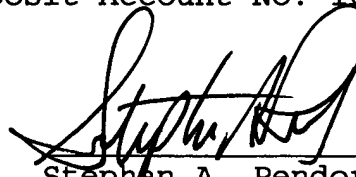
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Date: **December 10, 2004**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER for U.S. Application No. 10/790,387 filed March 1, 2004, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, addressed: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on **December 10, 2004**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.



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**AMENDMENT A, SUBMISSION OF DRAWING
AND REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on September 10, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Replacement Drawing Sheet is attached marked "Replacement Sheet".

Abstract: A Replacement Abstract is attached at the end of this paper.